Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force a 2 hour swift boat ad down the throats of their stations and their listeners should dispel any doubt about the dangers of media consolidation.

To force media to use the public airways in a way that serves the public interest is not an antequated idea. It is critical to the functioning of democracy. If only a few giant media empires control the flow of information over the airways, truth will be lost to corporate interest.

Media ownership rules must be strengthened to encourage local ownership. Thank you.

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